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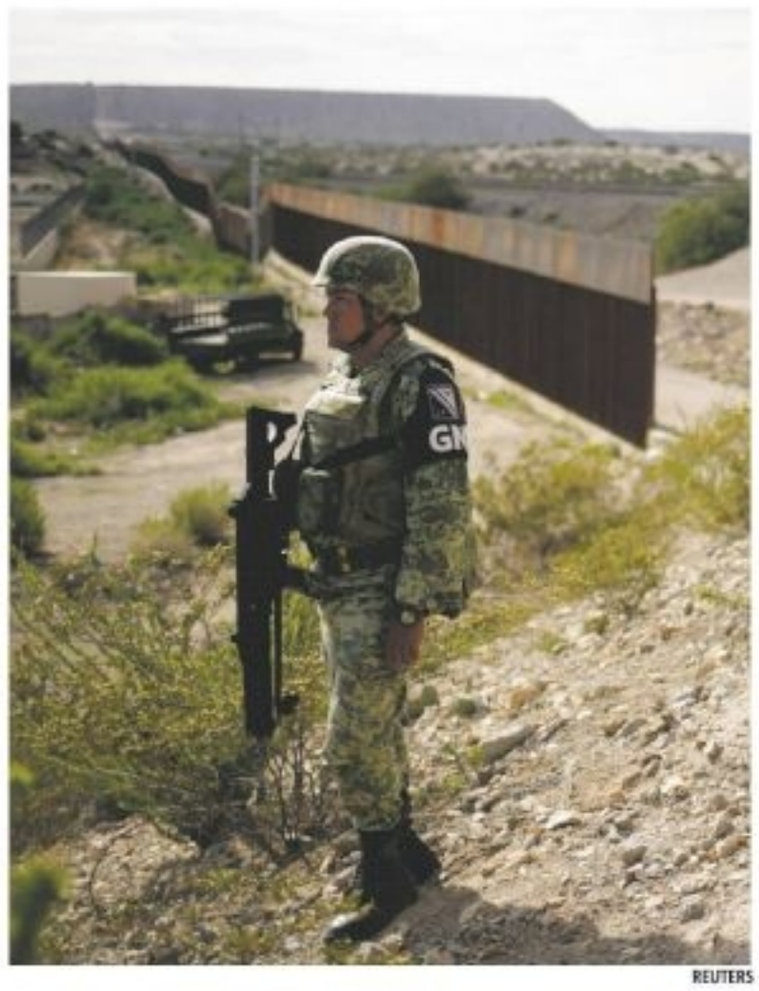
US says border arrests down as judge reinstates block on Trump's asylum ban

Monday's ruling is another setback for the administration.



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A U.S. immigration official on Monday credited Mexico and Central American countries with helping to reduce border detentions 56 percent this year, then lashed out at a federal judge for ruling against the Trump administration's strict anti-asylum policy.

With President Donald Trump's anti-immigration policy shaping up as an issue in his 2020 re-election campaign, Mark Morgan, the acting commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, announced that 64,000 people were detained or turned back at the southwest border in August. That is down 22 percent from July and 56 percent from a high mark in May.

Even so, the total was the highest for the month of August in more than a decade, as Central American migrants have headed north in record numbers, many of them seeking asylum from impoverished countries with some of the highest murder rates in the world.

A decade ago, migrants were mostly Mexicans, but in recent years they have been overtaken by Central Americans, mostly from the so-called Northern Triangle countries of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

The Trump administration has been pressuring all of those countries to do more to keep people from reaching the U.S. border, threatening Mexico with tariffs unless it complied.

The United States has persuaded Guatemala to become a so-called safe third country that would accept asylum-seekers, reducing the strain on the United States. Washington is working with Honduras on a similar agreement, but has failed to persuade Mexico to do the same.

Even so, Mexico has agreed to keep Central American asylum-seekers just south of the U.S. border pending their U.S. court appointments and has deployed National Guard officers to halt migrants.

> **"The Northern Triangle countries, specifically, along with the government of Mexico, have really joined the United States as true partners for the first time."**
> Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection

"The Northern Triangle countries, specifically, along with the government of Mexico, have really joined the United States as true partners for the first time," Morgan said.

In June, the United States and Mexico agreed to a 90-day window for Mexico to reduce migrant flows, a period ended last week.

Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard is due to meet with U.S. officials on Tuesday to discuss Mexico's efforts, saying last week that Mexico does not expect the United States to threaten tariffs at this time.

While praising Mexico and its southern neighbors, Morgan sharply criticized a U.S. judge who earlier on Monday ruled that an injunction against a restrictive Trump rule on asylum-seekers should apply nationwide.

The rule, unveiled on July 15, requires most immigrants who want asylum in the United States to first seek asylum in a third country they had traveled through on their way.

San Francisco-based U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar had previously issued a nationwide injunction blocking the rule, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals narrowed it to only border states within its jurisdiction — California and Arizona — and sent the question back to Tigar.

On Monday, Tigar ruled it should apply across the entire border, pending a trial on the underlying legality of the Trump administration rule. REUTERS

US taking in Bahamas storm victims: Acting border chief

2 Acting Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Mark Morgan on Monday said the country is expediting its immigration processes and deploying more resources to help storm victims from Bahamas to enter the country quickly. "I've authorized the deployment of an enormous amount of resources to southern Florida to make sure we can receive people coming in from the Bahamas," Morgan told a White House briefing on immigration. "That doesn't mean we do this with a blind eye. We still have to balance the humanitarian need and assistance of those that need it versus the safety of this country. So we still go through that process but we're expediting this process." Dorian pummeled the Bahamas with 200-mile-per-hour winds last week, causing immense destruction among the Abacos islands. Authorities have said at least 45 people died. REUTERS

Coast Guard rescues 3 of 4 from overturned cargo ship

3 Rescue workers on Monday rescued three of four missing crew members from a South Korean cargo vessel that flipped on its side off the coast of Georgia by cutting a hole in the vessel's hull, the U.S. Coast Guard said. The fourth missing crew member was in a more complicated location inside the ship, USCG Captain John Reed told a news conference. "Their condition is relatively good for having spent 34 or 35 hours in the conditions they're in," Reed said of the three rescued members. Salvage crews made contact with the missing crew members on Monday morning and drilled a hole through the ship's hull to deliver food and water to them, Reed said. Helicopters rescued 20 crew members from the 656-foot Golden Ray on Sunday after it became disabled, began listing and eventually fell helplessly on its side near Brunswick, Ga., the Coast Guard said. REUTERS

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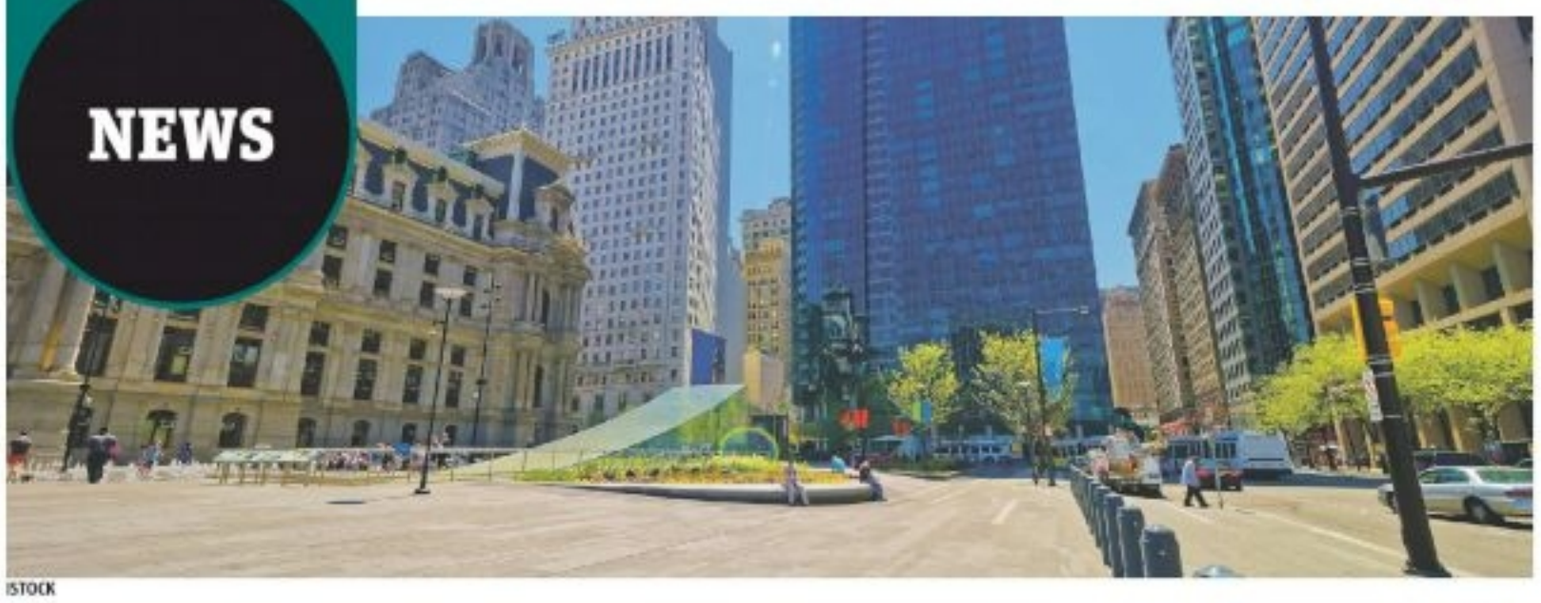

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Philly courts give non-fatal shooting assaults their own courtroom

The Non-Fatal Shooting Program is designed to expedite hearings and deter crime.

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Philadelphia has launched a dedicated courtroom for non-fatal shooting cases in the hopes of speeding along hearings for suspects.

The Non-Fatal Shooting Program will be comprised of local judges who typically focus on homicide and cases that involve gun injury. Supervising Judge Leon Tucker told NBC that the court system wanted to create the program, "to address the rapidly increasing incidence of non-fatal shootings and their impact on public safety."

Under the program, preliminary hearings in the chosen cases will be held within 21 days of the initial arraignment of suspects. That time period is a fraction of what the courts see now, as aggravated assault cases involving a gun can take an average of 300 days to resolve, according to District Attorney Larry Krasner.

According to a new report from local police, aggravated assaults with guns are up 9 percent year-over-year since the start of 2019. Krasner told NBC, "Reducing that time can deter further shootings because criminological science confirms that the swiftness of punishment can effectively deter crime. Superior handling of the cases will also increase the accuracy of convictions and the fairness of sentencings, which also deters crime."

Besides the quick conversion time, the program will also be doing several other things. According to NBC, this program will:

- Provide formal arraignments within two weeks of the first hearing
- Bypass the scheduling system
- Schedule a trial at the earliest date, before a judge is assigned to the homicide program in common pleas court
- List a trial readiness within 21 days of the formal arraignment

BRIEF

Man stabbed, hit with hammer while boarding SEPTA bus

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A man was pulled off a SEPTA bus before being hit with a hammer and stabbed in the neck early Monday in North Philly's Crescentville section.

Police questioned a woman in connection to the assault, which happened at approximately 2:15 a.m. at Whitaker Avenue and Roosevelt Boulevard.

The Inquirer reported that the man was boarding an eastbound R bus when he was pulled off by a woman and another person, believed to be a juvenile male armed with a hammer.

The woman, who was taken into custody but was not identified, allegedly stabbed the victim in the neck and back, while the male hit him with the hammer.

Bus passengers were transfered to another bus, according to ABC.

The motive of the attack was not immediately clear.

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Juul warned by FDA over marketing practices

E-cig maker can't claim its products safer than cigarettes, agency says.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration warned Juul Labs Inc. on Monday for marketing its e-cigarettes as safer than traditional cigarettes, the latest move by the agency to curb the use of vaping devices that have become extremely popular among teens.

Juul has already come under scrutiny for its marketing initiatives, including its use of social-media influencers to promote its vaping devices, with the Federal Trade Commission launching an investigation last month.

"The law is clear that, before marketing tobacco products for reduced risk, companies must demonstrate with scientific evidence that their specific product does in fact pose less risk or is less harmful," acting FDA Commissioner Ned Sharpless said in a statement.

The FDA's warning letter also raises issues with certain statements made by those attending a July U.S. congressional hearing where a panel grilled Juul over a "holistic health education" camp it funded, as part of efforts to market its products directly to school-aged children.

According to a testimony at the hearing, a company representative speaking at a presentation in a school claimed that students "...should mention JUUL to his [nicotine-addicted] friend... because that's a safer alternative than smoking cigarettes, and it would be better for the kid to use."

The company uses a nicotine concentration of 5 percent in its products, which could potentially increase their addictiveness, and nicotine salts that are used to mask the harshness of nicotine, the agency said questioning their usage.

"We are reviewing the letters and will fully cooperate," a Juul spokesman said.

The FDA has also asked Juul to provide a written response within 15 days outlining its plan to correct its violations and to provide requested documents and information within 30 days of the date of the letter.

Last year, the agency had requested documents from Juul to examine the high rates of youth use and had conducted a surprise inspection at Juul's San Francisco headquarters and seized documents. REUTERS

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Bankrupt Philly refiner paid execs millions in bonuses after fire: Documents

CEO Mark Smith received $1.5 million, the largest payout.

Executives of the Philadelphia Energy Solutions oil refinery were paid roughly $4.5 million in retention bonuses after a summer fire that led to the plant's closure and before the company filed for bankruptcy a few weeks later, court documents show.

PES announced plans to permanently shut its refinery following the June 21 explosive blaze and immediately began laying off many of its 1,100 employees without severance pay or health insurance coverage.

The payments were made on July 5, about two weeks before PES filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and while it was in the process of closing its 335,000 barrel-per-day refinery.

Attorneys for the owners of PES were not immediately available for comment. Reuters could not immediately reach officials from PES.

Chief Executive Officer Mark Smith received a $1.545 million retention bonus, the largest sum handed out to company executives, according to documents filed on Friday with the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Attorney John McShane received $875,500, Chief Financial Officer Rachel Celiberti was given $721,000 and deputy staff attorney Anthony Lagreca made $450,000. Refinery manager Daniel Statile, who had been on the job since March, was paid $325,000.

Additional spot bonuses, including a $75,000 payout for Celiberti and $50,000 for Lagreca, were made on the day of the June blaze.

The company's board of directors was not awarded bonuses, but there were other payouts, including a $772,5000 initial payment for annual consulting duties to Director Mark Cox on July 2.

The last crude distillation unit at the PES refinery, the oldest and largest on the East Coast, was taken offline in late July.

Last month, after hundreds of workers had already been dismissed, most of the refinery's 640 union members of the plant were also let go.

Under an agreement between the company and the local steelworkers union, some of the union workers were to receive a two-week severance while others will receive no additional pay.

None of the dismissed employees will receive continued medical benefits through the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) because PES terminated its group health insurance plan, according to documents reviewed by Reuters. REUTERS

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Roughly $4.5 million in retention bonuses was paid out after the June fire that led to the plant's closure.

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Back in session, House prepares to formalize Trump impeachment probe

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The Democratic-led U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee announced on Monday that it will consider steps this week to formalize its investigation to determine whether to impeach President Donald Trump.

The panel, which hopes to determine whether to recommend Trump's impeachment to the full House by the end of the year, will meet on Thursday at 8 a.m. ET to consider a resolution that would open the door to the more aggressive questioning of witnesses at hearings and allow the White House to respond in writing to evidence and testimony.

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The five-page measure also sets procedures for reviewing sensitive material, including grand jury evidence in closed-door sessions.

"The adoption of these additional procedures ... will help ensure our impeachment hearings are informative to Congress and the public, while providing the president with the ability to respond to evidence presented against him" House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler said in a statement.

The panel has already rebranded what was originally an oversight probe of Trump's presidency as an impeachment investigation.

But the approach has been criticized by Republicans for avoiding a precedent set during impeachment inquiries against then-President Richard Nixon and then-President Bill Clinton.

In those cases, inquiries were formally authorized by the full House. This time, Democrats have steered clear of a House vote that could prove risky for Democratic freshmen from swing districts where impeachment is unpopular with voters.

Legal experts have said that a more formal investigation could strengthen separate committee lawsuits seeking court orders to compel testimony from former White House Counsel Don McGahn and to gain access to grand jury material from former Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election

For much of the year, Nadler has focused on Mueller's findings, including evidence that Trump sought to impede the special counsel's probe.

Since Mueller's testimony in July, Nadler has broadened the investigation to include allegations that Trump has improperly mixed his business interests with his role as president, dangled pardons to encourage official misconduct and paid money during the 2016 campaign to silence women claiming to have had affairs with him.

Only two American presidents have been impeached by the House: Andrew Johnson in 1868 and Clinton in 1999. Neither man was convicted by the Senate, which is required before a president can be removed. Nixon resigned after the House Judiciary Committee approved articles of impeachment against him but before the full House voted on the matter. REUTERS

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Suicide kills 1 person every 40 seconds: WHO

The entrance of the World Health Organization (WHO) agency's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. GETTY IMAGES

Across the world, one person takes their own life every 40 seconds, and more people die by suicide every year than in war, the World Health Organization said on Monday.

Hanging, poisoning and shooting are the most common suicide methods, the WHO said as it urged governments to adopt suicide-prevention plans to help people cope with stress and to reduce access to suicide means.

"Suicide is a global public health issue. All ages, sexes and regions of the world are affected (and) each loss is one too many," the WHO's report said.

Suicide was the second leading cause of death among young people aged between 15 and 29, after road injury, and among teenage girls aged 15 to 19 it was the second-biggest killer after maternal conditions. In teenage boys, suicide ranked third behind road injury and interpersonal violence.

Overall, close to 800,000 people die by suicide every year — more than are killed by malaria or breast cancer, or by war or homicide, the WHO said.

Global rates have fallen in recent years — with a 9.8 percent decrease between 2010 and 2016 — but declines were patchy. In the WHO's Americas region, for example, rates rose by 6 percent in between 2010 and 2016.

The report also found that nearly three times as many men as women die by suicide in wealthy countries, in contrast to low- and middle-income countries, where the rates are more equal.

"Suicides are preventable," said the WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "We call on all countries to incorporate proven suicide prevention strategies into national health and education programs."

The WHO said restricting access to pesticides was one of the most effective ways of reducing suicide numbers swiftly.

Pesticides are commonly used and usually result in death because they are so toxic, have no antidotes, and are often used in remote areas where there is no nearby medical help.

The WHO pointed to studies in Sri Lanka, where bans on pesticides have led to a 70 percent drop in suicides and an estimated 93,000 lives saved between 1995 and 2015.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255) or NYC Well at 888-692-9355. REUTERS

What to do if you're in an accident

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Most accident victims have one thing in common—they were caught off guard by what happened. While none of us can predict what the future holds, preparing for how to handle an accident is something your future self will thank you for. Metro spent time with Jamie T. Wiggins, Esq. of Wiggins Law to talk about what to do if you're in an accident.

What are the most common types of accidents?

In Pennsylvania, over 128,000 car crashes were reported in 2017—and those were just the ones pulled from police reports. There are lots more that are just reported to insurance companies. Medical malpractice is another big one. One 2016 Johns Hopkins study suggests that medical errors are actually the third leading cause of death in the U.S. Slips and falls and work-related injuries are also up there as the most common ways accidents occur.

Do you find that people are reluctant to take action after an accident?

It depends on the person and the accident. People are generally most litigious when it comes to auto accidents. It's a different story, however, for slips and falls. A lot of times, people are embarrassed and don't want to say anything. They'll say they're ok, then realize later on that they're not ok.

How do you report an accident?

If you slipped and fell at a property and you have that address, try and get in touch with the property owner and let them know. If it was a business, notify them whenever they're open that you had this incident and are now having trouble recovering. If more than a week has passed, you probably want to call a lawyer first and make sure the spin can get put the right way in your favor.

What else can I do after experiencing an accident?

Start taking notes immediately after getting hurt. What people fail to realize is that notes can save them. I tell all my clients to keep a journal because the ones who do generally see a much better outcome. They've been keeping track of how they feel and when they feel that way, and that's going to help build their credibility. Insurance companies are always looking at the credibility factor. If you can't recall exactly when you were suffering and how it affected your life, your claim is going to be taken less seriously.

What legal action can you take?

You always have an option to call an attorney, especially if you're up against a property owner or large business you can't get in touch with. You may be able to recover damages related to negligence, bodily injury, pain and suffering, lost wages, and other economic losses and additional costs you've incurred because of the accident. It's really important to call a lawyer so they can tell you what those options are and get everything taken care of right away.

Is there anything I shouldn't do after an accident?

Don't tell people you're sorry—and don't tell people you're not hurt if you don't know. It's easy to ride on your adrenaline, but that's going to run out eventually. Speaking less is more in these situations. The last thing you want is to go rogue by reaching out to the other party without an attorney. This is a real risk because in this technological age, everything's being recorded.

On that note, don't post about your accident on social media because you can't change the narrative later. You'd be amazed at the narrative a defense attorney can spin off your profile and what you claim to be doing after the accident, so be very cautious with social media because it's ruining claims for younger generations.

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— **Cliff,** *Metro Boston reader*

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Gemini Stick close to home and surround yourself with people you know you can trust. Listen more and talk less. Don't give away secrets or believe what others tell you.

Cancer Let others do as they please. As long as you don't get involved in something risky, you will make progress. Nurturing a meaningful relationship and encouraging romance should be priorities.

Leo How others perceive you will determine your effectiveness when it comes time to promote your plans. Don't overspend. You can't buy respect or support.

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Head to the 9th Annual Philly Burger Brawl this Sunday. IN BETWEEN RIVERS

Battle of the *burgers*

The 9th Annual Philadelphia Burger Brawl is this Sunday.

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Grills will be fired, sauces will be slung and burgers will be flipped this Sunday at the highly anticipated 9th Annual Philadelphia Burger Brawl, presented by Jim Beam. The Burger Brawl features over 60 top restaurants from around the region all competing for bragging rights and the coveted prize of best burger in Philadelphia, and everyone is invited out to join in on all of the tasty fun.

The Burger Brawl is a delicious tradition in the City of Brotherly Love, and this year is filled with major changes: The event is now held at the Navy Yard, and instead of being held in the beginning of the summer the juicy extravaganza will now be held in the fall. This year, all proceeds will go directly to feed literacy through the Fund for the School District of Philadelphia.

"Philadelphia Burger Brawl is back again with two exciting changes — an all-new date in the fall and an all-new, even larger location at Navy Yard Philadelphia," said festival founder Rob Wasserman in a release. "We are ready to bring on the sizzle as we help feed literacy and support underserved elementary schools in Philadelphia. This year we are proud to have support from 60-plus restaurants that will bring their culinary talents and passion to the Navy Yard. Be prepared to come hungry as they wow us again at the grills. While nothing beats walking away with Burger Brawl bragging rights, we are all actually winners as we raise tens of thousands of dollars together for an amazing cause near and dear to our hearts."

Hungry guests who attend the Brawl this Sunday can indulge in all-you-can-eat samples of the best burgers the area has to offer from top spots such as Barbuzzo, Burger-Fi, Craftsman Row, Milk Boy, Outlaw's Burger Barn & Creamery, PJ Clarke's, Prohibition Tap Room, Twenty Manning, Tredici Enoteca, Village Whiskey, Yards Brewing Company and many more. All burger lovers will get to vote for their favorite bite, and there will also be a panel of judges voting and awarding the burger connoisseurs with first, second and third place prizes. Each burger is hand-crafted with care, and is either made with unique flavors, colorful spins on classic ingredients or just with incredible technique — perhaps even all three.

On top of the burger competition, Jim Beam is also presenting the Cutthroat Cocktail Competition at the Brawl, where all participating restaurants and bars are invited to compete with their own creative use of Jim Beam Black, a premium 86-proof, double-aged bourbon that spends eight years in new charred, white-oak barrels. According to the release, the Killer Cocktail competition will take place within the Jim Beam Bourbon Lounge at the event and Jim Beam representatives will select the cocktail competition winner. All burger samples will be paired with one of the killer cocktails.

On top of the competitions, the Burger Brawl will also feature live music from the Beasley Radio Group's family of stations, with talent on hand from 93.3 WMMR, 95.7 Ben FM, 102 WMGK, 97.5 Fanatic and WXTU.

There are a few ticket options available on the official website including general admission ($45-$50), which offers access beginning at 2 p.m., one free beverage, unlimited burger samples and free parking; and VIP ($100) which offers early access from 1 p.m., access to the VIP Lounge, open bar, unlimited burger samples and free parking. Children ages 10 and under can enter for free and do not need a ticket.

To learn more about the 9th Annual Philadelphia Burger Brawl, visit phillyburgerbrawl.com.

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This weekend is truly going to be spirited — the Bourbon Legends Boxcar Tour is coming to the City of Brotherly Love, and Philadelphians are about to get a real taste of Kentucky.

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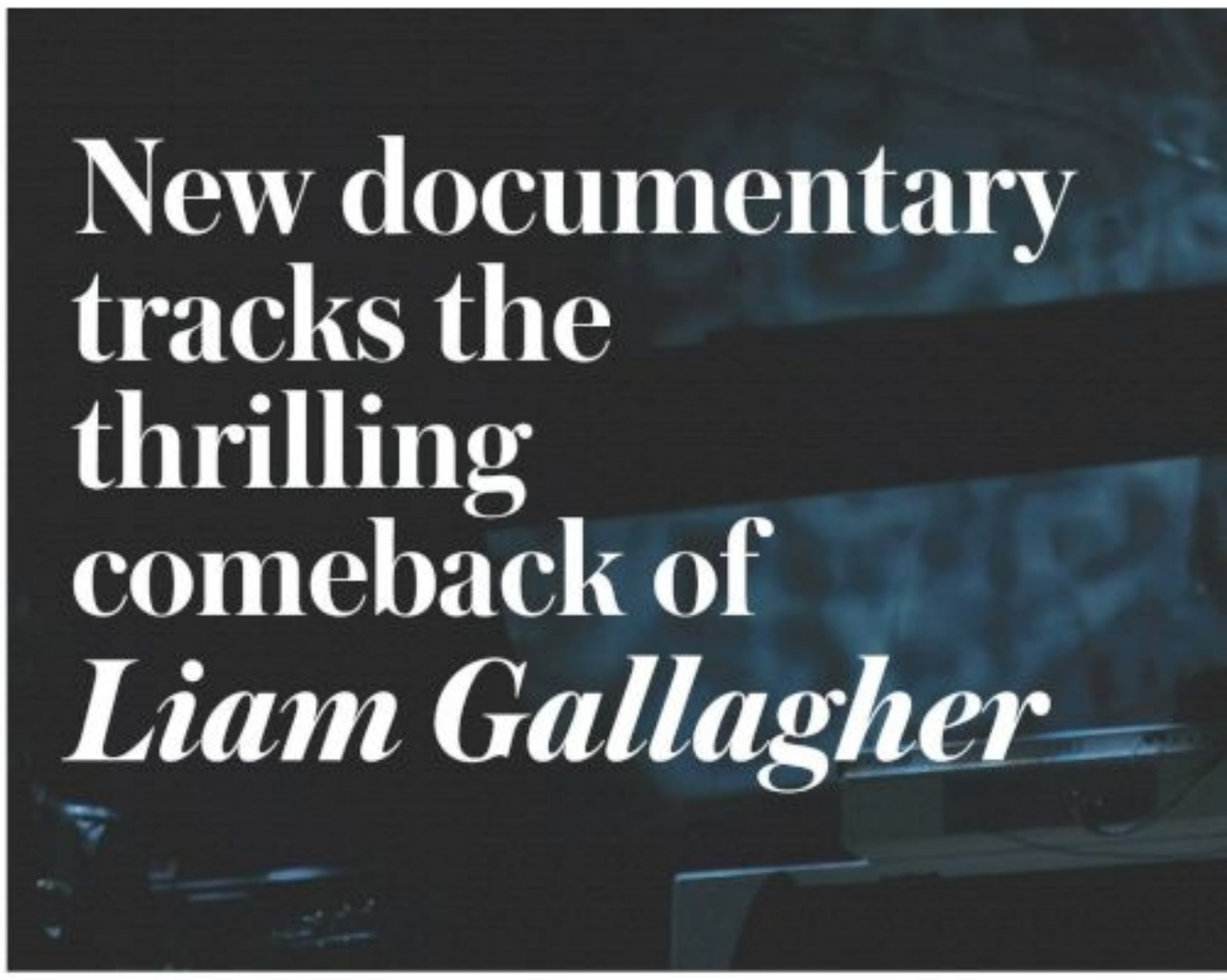

New documentary tracks the thrilling comeback of *Liam Gallagher*

The new film, "As It Was," hits select theaters this Friday.

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Rock and roll is never short on rags-to-riches stories. But what about those artists who make it to the top of the mountain only to slide back down knowing what they had seen up there? The new documentary, "Liam Gallagher: As It Was" follows the hard-won comeback story of the famous singer of one of the most popular rock bands of the past 30 years, Oasis.

The band broke up unceremoniously in 2009 after his brother (and chief songwriter of the band) Noel Gallagher had decided to leave the band after one of the siblings' most heated blow-ups before a gig outside of Paris. As defiant, in the most entertaining way possible, as the two hard-headed and talented brothers are, the band has remained broken up since that fight despite the pleading of ravenous fans all around the world.

As the documentary shows, the time between then and now has been a difficult road for Liam. As his brother has been releasing music with his longtime project, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Liams post-Oasis career went through a misstart. He and the rest of the band, sans-Noel, went on to form the short-lived Beady Eye which released two albums that only attracted a fraction of the audience their old band did. When the band announced their breakup after their second album, 2011's "BE," Liam was left alone without a purpose and away from the limelight that his old band controlled with so much swagger and panache at the height of their powers.

With fly-on-the-wall footage taken by filmmaker Charlie Lightening and with further direction from Gavin Fitzgerald, the film catches the once-cocky and somewhat arrogant singer at a moment of vulnerability. And while this could have been a sad portrayal of an artist on his steady decline, the filmmakers were able to catch lightning in a bottle with footage of the singer recording his breakthrough 2017 album "As You Were" and the wildly successful tour that surrounded its climb in the charts.

Lightening was lucky enough to get in on the ground floor before

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Liam's incredible comeback. As a documentarian who has worked with Paul McCartney, Jamiroquai and the Brit-pop band Kasabian, Lightening has a way of getting candid with artists and immediately struck up a friendship with Liam ahead of the recording of "As You Were."

"We just became really good friends," says Lightening of the beginnings of this project. "It was second nature for me to be there and film everything. I didn't know at the time that we would go on this journey."

As he filmed more and more, he realized that Liam was on to something special. This became more clear as Liam started performing live with his solo band at festivals throughout Europe.

"It was just the atmosphere and I thought there was something special happening here and I'm privy to be capturing it all," says Lightening. "People really didn't properly listen to me until the album had done as well as it had done and then all of the sudden, film companies started being interested in this film."

This new interest brought on Fitzgerald to help flesh the film out. An Oasis fan from an early age, Fitzgerald had made a name for himself with the Conor McGregor documentary "Notorious," and found a similarity between the two in their persistent fighting spirits.

"I definitely saw weird parallels between him and Conor," Fitzgerald explains. "He kind of gears himself up before going out to sing like a boxer, almost. Like he's going out for a fight and not a concert. That's very Liam. There's not many like him. There's not many who can control those crowds now, or has his stage presence or attitude."

The confidence of the Gallagher brothers could either be an endless source of entertainment or turn off those not fans of their music during their heyday. But given the nature of the film as a long-form character exploration of someone who had a history of antagonistic relationships with the press, what was Fitzgerald's approach to getting candid responses from Gallagher?

"Oasis in the '90s took the media by storm," Fitzgerald says. "Them getting into more and more trouble just created more and more tension. They're masters of staying in the headlines. They learned that by being themselves, they'd find their own unique voice. Liam still has that. He calls everyone else 'vanilla.' I knew he couldn't be like that all the time. There is an element of that where he's at an award show or around paparazzi, he turns it up to 90. It's all within him, but there's also a human side to him. You're just trying to get to that, trying to catch him with his guard down. It was quite difficult to be honest. He's quite aware of the camera. I hope we managed to cut through some of it. I think he see a human side of him, because everyone is human. He's a nice guy and he's a lot more chill now at 40."

You can catch the film "Liam Gallagher: As It Was" in select theaters Sept. 13 and VOD on Oct. 8. Gallagher's new album, "Why Me? Why Not.", will be released on Sept. 20.

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Week 2 is obviously easier to bet on than Week 1, considering we now have some shred of an idea how teams will look this season. But there is also always a ton of overreacting when it comes to teams that looked good in Week 1.

The Ravens jump out as a team that isn't worthy of a gaudy Week 2 line. Baltimore is a whopping 13-point favorite for its upcoming Sunday game at home against Arizona.

Lamar Jackson and company shredded the Dolphins this past Sunday, 59-10, but the Dolphins legitimately look like they are headed toward an 0-16 season. That roster is barren of any talent that can win now.

The Cardinals, meanwhile, looked "blah" in their Week 1 home tie (27-27) with the Lions. Arizona is 1-0 Against the Spread, however, as it entered that game a 2.5-point home dog, and rookie quarterback Kyler Murray seemed to have figured things out toward the end of the Detroit game as he led the Cards to 18 fourth-quarter points.

Larry Fitzgerald looked reinvigorated in Kliff Kingsbury's Air Raid offense as he had eight catches for 113 yards and a touchdown. Running back David Johnson also looked like his old self as he had 132 all-purpose yards.

The Cardinals defense is a train wreck, for sure, but Arizona's offense should be able to match the Ravens point for point in a high-scoring affair.

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The play: $10 on Cardinals +13 and $10 on Cardinals–Ravens Over 45.5

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Malcolm Jenkins in locker room speech after win: "We're going to get everybody's best shot. When we play together that **** don't ****** matter."

Best Bets

NFL Week 2: Vikings at Packers

The Lambeau Field faithful should expect a low-scoring home opener as the Green Bay Packers host a NFC North rival in the Minnesota Vikings. Green Bay helped Under bettors cash in the 2019 kickoff game, which they won 10-3 over the Chicago Bears at Soldier Field.

Aaron Rodgers didn't exactly fill out the stat sheet in his first start under new head coach Matt LaFleur as he went 18-for-30 with 203 yards and one TD. The Packers' offense could be a work in progress in September. Dating back to last season, Green Bay has gone below the total in eight of their last 11 games. Meanwhile, Minnesota's Dalvin Cook shredded the woeful Falcons defense to the tune of 111 rushing yards and two TDs.

The most surprising development in that game was how bad Atlanta's offense was: They didn't score until the fourth quarter, when the Vikings were up by 28. Including Week 1's result, the Under is 6-1 in Minnesota's last seven contests. Additionally, the Under is 7-2 in the last nine contests between the Vikings and Packers.

The play: Vikings v. Packers Under

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Carson Wentz put together a strong performance in Week 1 against the Redskins. GETTY IMAGES

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Let's agree the first half of Sunday's game was actually the Eagles' preseason. The boys needed to shake off the rust and figure out how to play in synch.

So they were down 17-0 to Washington before some fans even settled into their seats. Those paying customers — rightly — throatily expressed their shock and displeasure.

Ah, but then came the third quarter and the real 2019 Eagles showed up. At least we hope that's the real Eagles. The Birds scored on all four second-half drives and held the ball for more than 21 minutes. Ignore Washington's garbage-time TD and it was as lopsided a half as we've ever seen.

Anyway, with a tough matchup coming at Atlanta next Sunday night, here are four quick observations on the opener and the season ahead:

1) Carson Wentz is headed for an MVP year. The QB — who takes too much heat around these parts — was outstanding Sunday. My eyes tell me that. The stats back it up.

The most amazing number from this game: Wentz overthrew his first third-down attempt, and then went 12-for-12 for 197 yards and three TDs. Both bombs to DeSean Jackson came on 3rd-and-10. By the way, those passes should quell for a while the snark that says Wentz can't throw the deep ball.

In 2017, Wentz was outstanding on third down and in the red zone. Last year, not so much. With all the weapons at his disposal now, he's primed to put up extraordinary stats — and wins.

2) Doug Pederson has the biggest onions in the league. The coach twice went for it on fourth down Sunday — once from his own 34. He passed up a prospective 46-yard Jake Elliott field goal early and then bypassed Elliott again by dialing up a successful two-pointer while ahead by seven in the fourth quarter.

Fans always want the coach to go for it — at least those who don't own Elliott in fantasy football. Doug's one of the few who actually has the guts to do it. For a guy who says his favorite ice cream flavor is vanilla, he sure doesn't act like it.

3) The Eagles' flaw right now is the pass rush. Well, that and some extraordinarily weak tackling in the secondary, where Ronald Darby moonlights as a matador.

Case Keenum attempted 45 passes Sunday and the Eagles sacked him just once. That came from Tim Jernigan who, along with Fletcher Cox and Malik Jackson, gives the Birds a solid triumvirate of defensive tackles — although Jackson left the game late with a possible foot injury.

But the defensive ends are another story. Much more pressure has to come from Derek Barnett and Brandon Graham when this team faces QBs superior to Keenum. That starts next Sunday with Matt Ryan.

Oh, and it wouldn't hurt if defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz dialed up a blitz every once in a while.

4) The run still matters. Many analysts insist that establishing the run is a relic of the Lombardi Era, but Pederson himself said after Sunday's game that sticking to the ground game opened things up for Wentz and his receivers.

The Eagles ran 31 times Sunday — and that doesn't count the Miles Sanders TD run that was called back for holding. Curiously, Pederson decided to feature Darren Sproles with nine carries (plus three receptions), perhaps because he trusts the veteran Sproles more than this year's additions.

Personally, I'd like to see more of newcomer Jordan Howard, who had 44 yards on just six carries. I suspect we will as the season progresses.

So the Eagles survived, and in the second half, they thrived. It's going to be a thrill ride of a season.

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Eagles run game paramount to '19 success

A healthy ground game will open things up for Carson Wentz and the passing attack.

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Darren Sproles (No. 43), along with Jordan Howard and Miles Sanders helped open up the Eagles offense in the second half of their Week 1 win over Washington. GETTY IMAGES

This offseason, the Philadelphia Eagles made it a point of emphasis to address the running back position. This was one of the worst teams when it came to running the ball last year.

They averaged 98.1 rushing yards per game and 3.1 yards per carry, ranking them 28th and 30th out of 32 NFL teams.

In addition to those horrific stats, the Eagles also lost Jay Ajayi, Corey Clement, and Darren Sproles to various injuries throughout last season. The only healthy running backs they had on the roster were Josh Adams and Wendell Smallwood.

While Adams and Smallwood did their best to share the workload, the team was still missing a playmaker in the backfield.

So general manager Howie Roseman traded a 2020 sixth-round draft pick to the Chicago Bears for Jordan Howard. Then a month later, he drafted former Penn State standout Miles Sanders in the second round of the 2019 NFL Draft.

With the additions of Howard and Sanders, along with a healthy Corey Clement, and the re-signing Darren Sproles to a one-year deal, the Eagles seem to have one of the better running-back committees in the NFL.

However, that was not the case to start the regular season on Sunday against the Washington Redskins. Philadelphia's rushing attack could not get going as Washington held them to just 22 yards on nine carries.

At the half, the team's leading rusher was Howard, who had 12 yards on two carries. Sproles had eight yards on three carries, while Sanders did not have a single yard on three carries.

With that being known, one could make the case that Washington's front seven did a great job of containing the Eagles' trio of running backs. Every time Sproles or Sanders carried the football, a Washington defender was there waiting for them.

However, that changed in the second half, as the Eagles put together a 12-play, 75-yard touchdown drive to open up the third quarter.

Out of those 12 plays, nine of them were designed runs which went to Howard, Sanders and Sproles.

With the running game getting on track, it immediately opened up things for quarterback Carson Wentz and the receivers.

"We're going to keep going after you," Sproles said via the team's website. "We have a lot of weapons here. We spread it around and keep a defense off balance. You don't know what's coming next."

Sproles was the game's leading rusher with 47 yards on nine carries (5.2 YPC). He also had three receptions for 16 yards.

Howard finished second in rushing behind Sproles, despite only playing 17 snaps in the regular-season opener. The 24-year-old had 44 rushing yards on six carries (7.3 YPC), along with two receptions for 11 yards.

Lastly, Sanders, who led all the running backs in snaps with 36, had a quiet 25 yards (2.3 YPC) on 11 carries. In total, the Eagles racked up 123 rushing yards on 31 carries en route to a 32-27 comeback victory.

The Eagles saw what happens when you stick to the running game and allow each running back to get into a rhythm. The offense took flight and imposed their will on the Redskins' defense.

The Eagles will need to do the same thing next week when they play the Atlanta Falcons (0-1) on Sunday Night Football.

The Falcons are coming off a 16-point road loss to the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday, which saw their defense give up 172 rushing yards to Dalvin Cook (111 yards) and rookie Alex Mattison (49 yards).

Therefore, expect the Falcons to try and make the Eagles' offense one-dimensional, which will be a tough task. On Sunday afternoon, we saw how explosive Philly's air attack can be when Wentz is in a rhythm and hitting his wide receivers in stride.

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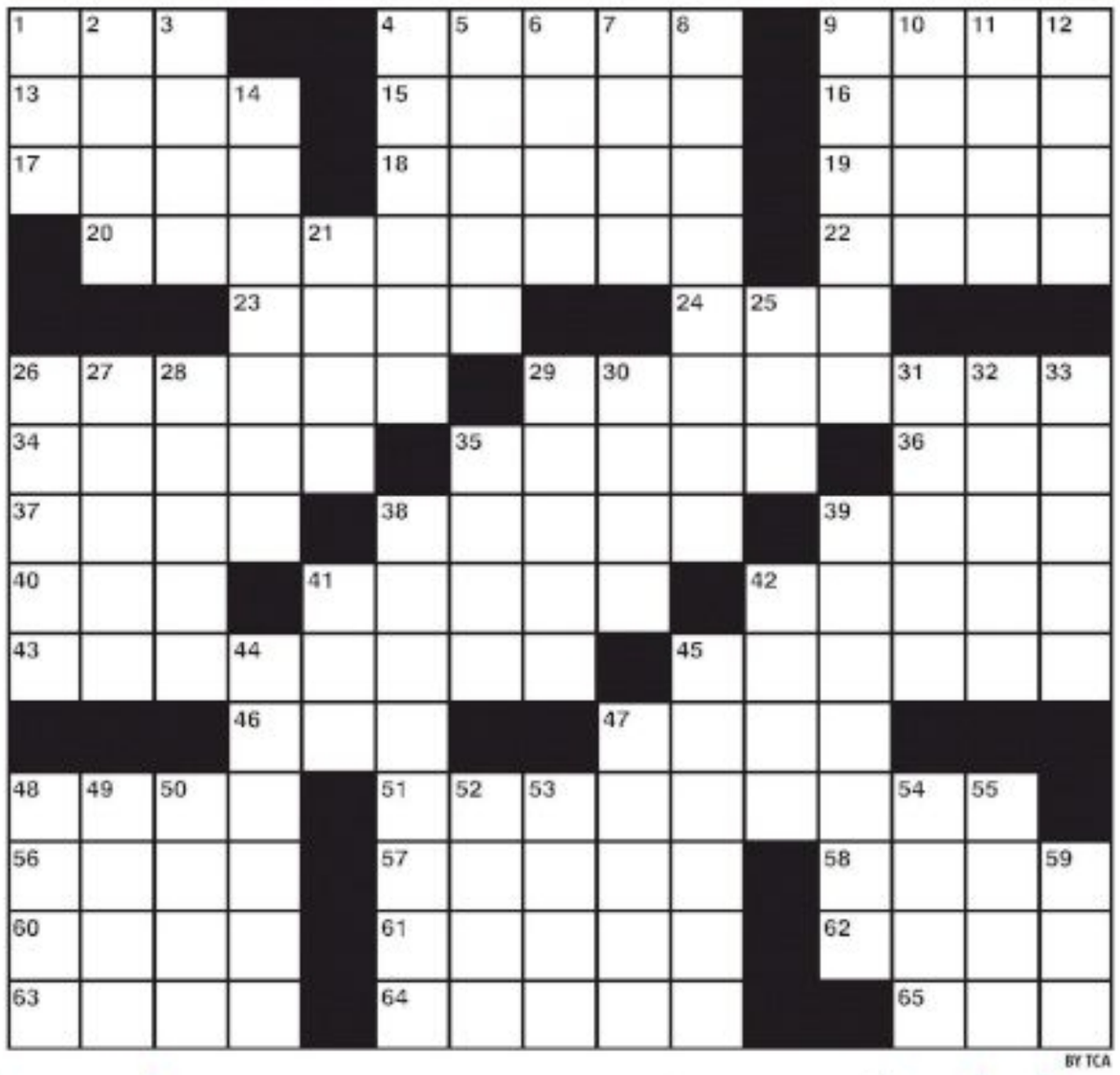

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